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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Charles R. "Cork" Walgreen III of Lake Forest, who passed away on September 26, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Walgreen III was born in Chicago on November 11, 1935 to Mary Ann Leslie and Charles R. Walgreen Jr.; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Walgreen III started his 58-year Walgreens career in 1952 as a stock boy after school and on vacations; he later entered the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, where he earned his bachelor's degree in pharmacy in 1958; he returned to Walgreens in 1959 as a pharmacist at the store on Western Avenue in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, In 1963, Charles Walgreen III was named Administrative Assistant to the Vice-President of Operations and was elected to the company's board of directors; he served as District Manager from 1965 to 1966 and as Western Regional Director and Midwestern Regional Director from 1966 to 1968; he was named Vice-President in 1968, President in 1969, President and Chief Executive Officer in 1971, and Chairman and CEO in 1976; he served as Walgreens Chief Executive Officer until his retirement in January of 1998; he remained Chairman until

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1 August of 1999; he retired from the board of directors as
2 Chairman Emeritus in 2010; and

3 WHEREAS, Charles Walgreen III was a member of the American
4 Pharmaceutical Association, Director and Chairman of the
5 National Association of Chain Drug Stores, Director of the
6 Illinois Retail Merchants Association, and Director of Junior
7 Achievement of Chicago; he was a member of many other
8 charitable and civic organizations; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2004, Charles Walgreen III donated \$2 million
10 to his alma mater, the University of Michigan College of
11 Pharmacy, to establish a professorship focusing on researching
12 the socioeconomics of health care policies, regulations, and
13 ethics; and

14 WHEREAS, Charles Walgreen III was preceded in death by his
15 parents and his son, Tad Alexander Walgreen Sr.; and

16 WHEREAS, Charles Walgreen III is survived by his wife,
17 Kathleen B. Walgreen; his sons, Charles Richard Walgreen, Kevin
18 Walgreen, Leslie Ray Walgreen, Chris Patrick Walgreen, Tad
19 Alexander Walgreen, and Carl Allen Jr.; his daughters, Brooke
20 Julia Walgreen, and Jorie Allen Grassie; 19 grandchildren; one
21 great-grandchild; his sister, Leslie Ann Walgreen Pratt; his
22 brother, James Alan Walgreen; and several nieces and nephews;

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
4 Charles R. "Cork" Walgreen III, and extend our sincere
5 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
6 him; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Charles Walgreen III as an
9 expression of our deepest sympathy.